



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**DEPARTMENT OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

D.T.E. 04-113

December 29, 2004

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Petition of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval of (1) its 2004 Transition Cost Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c.164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4) and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement approved by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23, and (2) a proposed increase to its standard offer service fuel adjustment.

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                         FOR: BOSTON EDISON COMPANY  
                         Petitioner

## I. INTRODUCTION

On December 7, 2004, pursuant to G.L. c.164, § 1A(a), 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4) and the Restructuring Settlement Agreement approved in Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998), Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (“BECo” or “Company”) filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (“Department”) its 2004 reconciliation filing, which consists of the reconciliation of transition, transmission, standard offer service and default service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs to be effective January 1, 2005. The Department docketed this filing as D.T.E. 04-113.<sup>1</sup>

In addition, on December 7, 2004, BECo submitted for approval tariffs designed to increase the standard offer service fuel adjustment (“SOSFA”) effective January 1, 2005. The Department docketed this filing as D.T.E. 04-117.

On December 8, 2004, the Department issued a notice and a request for comments on BECo’s filings. No comments were filed.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED TARIFFS

According to BECo, the rate adjustments affect its transition, transmission, and standard offer service, and default service adjustment charges. For 2005, BECo proposes an average transition charge of \$0.02335 per kilowatthour (“KWH”); an average transmission charge of \$0.00580 per KWH; a default service adjustment factor of zero; and a SOSFA factor of \$0.01564 per KWH. BECo asserts that these proposed rates were calculated substantially

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<sup>1</sup> The Department approved BECo’s 2003 reconciliation filing in Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 03-117-A (Phase II) (2004).

following the method used in BECo's 2003 reconciliation filing, as approved in D.T.E. 03-117-A (Phase II).

### III. ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Based upon its review of BECo's filings, the Department has determined that further investigation is necessary. The Department finds, however, that the tariffs filed by BECo for service on and after January 1, 2005, including the SOSFA, are in compliance with Department precedent<sup>2</sup> and G.L. c. 164, § 1B(b). Consequently, the rate changes are allowed, subject to reconciliation pursuant to the Department's ongoing investigation.

### IV. ORDER

After review and consideration, it is

ORDERED: That the tariffs filed by Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric with the Department on December 7, 2004, M.D.T.E. Nos. 102F, 104C, 120C through and including 123C, 130C through and including 135C, and 140C through and including 142C, for service on and after January 1, 2005, are APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED: That the rate changes for Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric are ALLOWED subject to reconciliation pursuant to the Department's investigation; and it is

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<sup>2</sup> Boston Edison Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 96-23 (1998); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 98-111 (1999); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-107 (2000); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 00-82 (2001); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 01-78 (2002); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A (2003); Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 03-117-A (2004).

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric comply with any and all other directives contained in this Order.

By Order of the Department,

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Paul G. Afonso, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
James Connelly, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
W. Robert Keating, Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_/s/\_\_\_\_\_  
Deirdre K. Manning, Commissioner

An appeal as to matters of law from any final decision, order or ruling of the Commission may be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court by an aggrieved party in interest by the filing of a written petition praying that the Order of the Commission be modified or set aside in whole or in part. Such petition for appeal shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission within twenty days after the date of service of the decision, order or ruling of the Commission, or within such further time as the Commission may allow upon request filed prior to the expiration of the twenty days after the date of service of said decision, order or ruling. Within ten days after such petition has been filed, the appealing party shall enter the appeal in the Supreme Judicial Court sitting in Suffolk County by filing a copy thereof with the Clerk of said Court. G.L. c. 25, § 5.